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SUBJECT:TELE-HAITI DISPUTE WITH GOH

REFERENCE: PORT AU PRINCE 1820

1. DEPTOFF CALLED WHITNEY GERARD, LAWYER FOR US INVESTORS IN TELE HAITI, SEPTEMBER 19, TO CONVEY TO HIM SUBSTANCE REFTEL. GERARD SAID THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS CLIENTS HE HAS BEEN IN DIRECT TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH MINISTER JEANTY, THE MOST RECENT CONTACT HAVING TAKEN PLACE MORNING SEPTEMBER 19. HE DESCRIBED SITUATION AS BEING BACK TO "SQUARE ONE." HE IS NOW NEGOTIATING THE SALE OF HIS CLIENTS' INTERESTS TO THE GOH AND IN HIS MOST RECENT CONVERSATION WITH JEANTY HE QUOTED TO HIM A BUYOUT FIGURE. JEANTY IS TO DISCUSS THIS FIGURE WITH PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND BE BACK IN TOUCH BY PHONE AT 11:30 AM, SEPTEMBER 20, TO TELL HIM WHETHER OR NOT GOH ACCEPTS TO BUY OUT AMERICAN INVESTORS' SHARES IN TELE-HAITI AT QUOTED FIGURE.

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2. GERARD IS ONLY MILDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR

PURCHASE WILL BE AGREED WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR SO. IN ANY
EVENT, HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT AND/OR EMBASSY
FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSATION WITH JEANTY IF IT APPEARS
ANOTHER IMPASSE HAS DEVELOPED. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR
ALL THAT AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF HAD DONE TO BE OF ASSIST-
ANCE TO HIM AND HIS CLIENTS. KISSINGER

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